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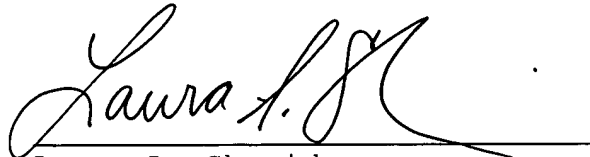
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97,
applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the
following patents and patent publications:

The Patents and Patent Publications

Section A

U.S. Patent Documents

Ellis et al.	5,986,650	(11/16/99)
Lemmons et al.	5,880,768	(03/09/99)
Youman et al.	5,629,733	(05/13/97)
Blomfield-Brown	5,625,678	(04/29/97)
Roop et al.	5,619,274	(04/08/97)
Knee et al.	5,589,892	(12/31/96)
Mankovitz et al.	5,523,794	(06/04/96)
Young et al.	5,353,121	(10/04/94)

Foreign Patent Documents

PCT	WO 00/05885	(02/03/00)
PCT	WO 98/17033	(04/23/98)
PCT	WO 96/41472	(12/19/96)
EPO	0 535 749 A2	(04/07/93)

Section B

Foreign Patent Documents

PCT	WO 99/14947	(03/25/99)
PCT	WO 99/04561	(01/28/99)

The documents of Sections A and B are listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 (submitted in duplicate) and copies are enclosed herewith.

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The information contained in Section B of this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement. In particular, these references were cited in the April 3, 2001 International Search Report on applicants' corresponding Patent Cooperation Treaty application PCT/US00/33259. A copy of that Search Report is enclosed herewith.

Applicants also wish to bring to the Examiner's attention the following unpublished U.S. patent applications, which are listed by applicant(s), filing date, and application number, respectively:

U.S. Patent Applications

Graves et al.	09/733,726	(12/08/00)
Walker et al.	09/728,318	(12/01/00)
Easterbrook et al.	09/727,683	(12/01/00)
Walker et al.	09/717,682	(11/21/00)
Boylan III et al.	09/699,207	(10/27/00)
Herrington et al.	09/635,596	(08/09/00)
Ellis	09/605,683	(06/26/00)
Ellis et al.	09/604,470	(06/26/00)
Carpenter et al.	09/565,514	(05/05/00)
Hassell et al.	09/500,080	(02/08/00)
Forrer et al.	09/492,713	(01/27/00)
Herrington et al.	09/451,612	(11/30/99)
Boyer et al.	09/437,304	(11/09/99)
Ellis et al.	09/437,107	(11/09/99)
Knudson et al.	09/410,332	(10/01/99)
Knudson	09/375,901	(08/17/99)
Ellis et al.	09/374,043	(08/13/99)
Knudson et al.	09/357,941	(07/16/99)
DeWeese et al.	09/356,270	(07/16/99)
Rudnick et al.	09/356,268	(07/16/99)
McKissick et al.	09/356,245	(07/16/99)
Ellis et al.	09/356,161	(07/16/99)
Ellis et al.	09/354,344	(07/16/99)
Ellis et al.	09/346,134	(07/16/99)
Hassell et al.	09/332,625	(06/11/99)
Boyer et al.	09/330,793	(06/11/99)
Knudson et al.	09/330,792	(06/11/99)
Rosenthal et al.	09/262,658	(03/03/99)
Ellis	09/186,598	(11/05/98)
Ellis et al.	09/145,232	(09/01/98)
Hagenberg et al.	09/063,333	(03/20/98)
Ellis et al.	09/034,934	(03/04/98)
Boyer et al.	08/987,740	(12/09/97)
Ellis et al.	08/428,809	(04/25/95)

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, no copies of these U.S. patent applications need be included with the filing of this paper.

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this
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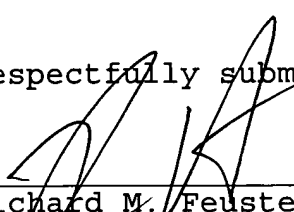
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